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TITLE: Cellulose binding domain proteins

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Brief Summary Text (45):

In a specific embodiment of the present invention, the method is designed for the detection of a protein or peptide; thus, the second protein of the CBD fusion product may be an antibody against the protein or peptide. The substance of interest may also comprise a biotinylated probe bound to a protein, peptide, hormone, nucleic acid or other probe-targetable molecule. In this case, the preferred second protein is streptavidin. Where the label includes an enzyme, the method further comprises adding a sufficient amount of a substrate for the enzyme, which substrate is converted by the enzyme to a detectable compound.

Detailed Description Text (2):

The present invention is directed to the identification of cellulose binding domain (CBD) protein that is capable of binding cellulose with high affinity and in a reversible manner. The CBD of the present invention may be used, for example, in the bio-immobilization of biologically active molecules to cellulose. The CBD of the present invention may be fused to a second protein to form a CBD fusion protein. The presence of a CBD protein in a CBD fusion protein allows for easy and selective purification of the CBD fusion protein by incubation with cellulose. Examples of second proteins include: Protein A, protein G, streptavidin, avidin, Taq polymerase and other polymerases, alkaline phosphatase, RNase, DNase, various restriction enzymes, peroxidases, glucanases such as endo-1,4-beta glucanase, endo-1,3-beta-glucanase, chitinases, and others, beta and alfa glucosidases, beta and alfa glucuronidases, amylase, transferases such as glucosyl-transferases, phospho-transferases, chloramphenicol-acetyl-transferase, beta-lactamase and other antibiotic modifying and degrading enzymes, luciferase, esterases, lipases, proteases, bacteriocines, antibiotics, enzyme inhibitors, different growth factors, hormones, receptors, membranal proteins, nuclear proteins, transcriptional and translational factors and nucleic acid modifying enzymes. Specifically, the CBD protein may be fused to an antibody or an antigenic determinant to form a CBD fusion product that is useful in diagnostic kits and in immunoassays.

Detailed Description Text (63):

The overexpression vector (pET-CBD) enables us to overproduce the 17 kDa CBD in E. coli strain BL21(DE3). CBD was accumulated to at least 70 mg/liter in inclusion bodies. However, additional quantity of about 20 mg/liter of water-soluble CBD could be recovered from the water-soluble sonic extract of the E. coli. The cleared extract was mixed with Sigmacell 20(20 micron average particle size cellulose); then the CBD-cellulose complex was washed by 1M NaCl solution as well as distilled water to remove non-specific proteins, and then pure CBD was eluted by 6M guanidine-HCl. CBD was fully renatured by slow dialysis at room temperature and regained its ability to bind to cellulose (FIG. 10. lane 2).

Detailed Description Text (65):

Plasmid DNA containing the insert was used to transform E. coli BL21 (DE3). Plasmid-containing cultures were grown at 37.degree. C. in NZCYM (Sambrook, et al. (1989) in Molecular Cloning (Nolan, C. ed.), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, N.Y. medium containing ampicillin (100 .mu.g/ml) with shaking to Klett reading 160 (green

filter). At this point, IPTG was added to a final concentration 1 mM. After 4 h, the cells were harvested by centrifugation, resuspended in 50 mM phosphate/12 mM citrate pH 7 (PC) buffer containing RNase A at 10 .mu.g/ml and DNase I at 1 .mu.g/ml, and lysed by sonication on ice with a Biosonic II sonicator at maximum power for 45 s followed by a 15 s cooling period, repeated a total of 4 times. The insoluble fraction of a 1 l culture was collected by centrifugation (30 min at 12,000 g, 4.degree. C.) and resuspended in 20 ml of 6M guanidine HCl. This was kept on ice for 30 min with occasional vortexing to disperse the pellet. Insoluble debris was removed by centrifugation (30 min at 12,000 g, 4.degree. C.). The soluble guanidine HCl extract was gradually diluted to 400 ml total volume with TEDG renaturation buffer over a two h period at 4.degree. C. Ammonium sulfate was added to 80% saturation. After four h at 4.degree. C., precipitated proteins were collected by centrifugation (30 min at 12,000 g, 4.degree. C.), resuspended in 40 ml PC buffer, and dialyzed against PC buffer.

Detailed Description Text (78):

In order to selectively produce the putative CBD region of CbpA (residues 28-189), oligonucleotide primers were designed complementary to bases 67 to 86 and 558 to 579 of cbpA (FIG. 1A-1B). As shown in FIG. 2, these primers were designed with mismatches to create an NcoI site and an ATG start codon on one end of the PCR product and a TAG stop codon followed by a BamHI site at the other end. This gene fragment was then cloned into the T7 RNA polymerase expression plasmid pET-8c, resulting in plasmid pET-CBD. See, Studier, F., and B.A. Moffatt (1986) J. Mol. Biol. 189: 113-130. The cloned gene fragment codes for a methionine at the N-terminus of the CBD, but the rest of the CBD aa sequence corresponds to residues 28 to 189 of CbpA. The protein fragment has a molecular weight of 17634. The insertion was verified by DNA sequencing. CBD protein was produced by E. coli BL21 (DE3) cells harboring pET-CBD. After the addition of IPTG, this host strain produces T7 RNA polymerase, which recognizes the T7 promoter in the pET vector. The cbd gene fragment was under the control of this inducible promoter, and CBD protein was synthesized in large amounts after induction (FIG. 3). After a four h production period, the soluble extract from the lysed cells contained only small amounts of CBD protein, while most was found in the insoluble fraction. This protein was readily soluble in concentrated guanidine hydrochloride, and was renatured by slow dilution into TEDG buffer. It was found that protein prepared in this fashion binds to AVICIL.RTM. (microcrystalline cellulose), verifying the putative CBD. Although this fraction is mostly CBD protein, the assays described require the protein to be highly pure. This purity is provided by a single cellulose-affinity binding step, as described in the Section 7.1.1. The affinity-purified CBD protein appears on acrylamide gels as a single band when stained with Coomassie brilliant blue. Approximately 70 mg of CBD protein can be recovered from the cells harvested from a 1 l culture.

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TITLE: Single chain FV polynucleotide or peptide constructs of anti-ganglioside GD2 antibodies, cells expressing same and related methods

Abstract Text (1):

Recombinant antibody constructs comprise the variable regions of the heavy and light chains of anti-G.sub.D2 antibodies. These antibody constructs may be coupled to a label such as a radiolabel or to a protein such as streptavidin or pro-drug converting enzymes for use in imaging or therapeutic applications. The antibody constructs may also be transduced into T cells to produce populations of T cells which target G.sub.D2 -producing tumor cells.

US Patent No. (1):6451995Brief Summary Text (18):

The antibodies of the present invention are recombinant antibody constructs comprising the variable regions of the heavy and light chains of anti-G.sub.D2 antibodies. These antibody constructs may be coupled to a label such as a radiolabel or to a protein such as streptavidin or pro-drug converting enzymes for use in imaging or therapeutic applications. The antibody constructs may also be transduced into T cells to produce populations of T cells which target G.sub.D2 -producing tumor cells.

Detailed Description Text (4):

In order to increase the avidity of the scFv, we have synthesized two scFv variants: (1) Cysteine residue at the carboxyl terminal of the scFv for dimerization (5FpMCH of Table 2 and 3GpMCH of Table 3): Free sulhydryl groups are blocked by acetylation and the monomer separated from the dimer by size-exclusion chromatography FPLC on Sephadex HR75 (Pharmacia). (2) Streptavidin at the carboxyl end for dimerization and tetramerization (5FpStMCH of table 1 and 3GpStMCH of table 2): Streptavidin is a homo-tetrameric protein that binds one biotin molecule per subunit with a very high affinity ($K_d=4 \times 10^{-14}$). scFv-strep fusion proteins are expected to form tetramers with both antigen- and biotin-binding activity. They are expected to be stable over a wide range of pH and range of physiologic temperatures.

Detailed Description Text (5):

The 5F11-scFv, 3G6-scFv, 5F11-scFv-streptavidin, 3G6-scFv-streptavidin DNA sequences are shown below, with the linker sequences between the scFv and the streptavidin shown in lower case letters.

Detailed Description Text (8):

5F11-scFv-Streptavidin (SEQ ID NO. 3)

CAGGTGAAACTGCAGCAGTCAGGACCTGAAGCTGGTGNAGCCTGGGGCTTCAG
TGAAGATATCCTGCAAGACTTCTGGANACAAATTCAGTGAATACACCATGCAC
TGGGTGAAGCAGAGCCATGGAAAGAGCCTTGAGTGGATTGGAGGTATTAAT
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Detailed Description Text (12):

Metal chelation to scFv can also be accomplished via the streptavidin protein. The rationale of pretargeting using scFv-streptavidin fusion proteins in radioimmunotherapy are 5-fold: (a) Large amounts of scFv can be used to saturate G.sub.D2 sites in vivo, without the accompanying blood and tissue toxicity from radioisotope, (b) radiolabel is injected at the time when the tumor-nontumor ratio of scFv is maximal, (c) a radiolabeled ligand is chosen such that it binds with high affinity (e.g. 111I-biotin binding to streptavidin) with fast blood-clearance, (d) a ligand construction where the isotope can be modified to optimize microdosimetry (e.g. SHNH-biotin) (e) the scFv-streptavidin is a homo-tetramer, as such the antigen binding avidity is greatly amplified especially for high-density antigens (e.g. G.sub.D2 on neuroblastoma). scFv-strep fusion proteins for both 5F11 and 3G6 have been made and purified. Both in vitro and in vivo studies are being carried out to test the concept of pretargeting, where scFv-strep is first allowed to bind (or target) to G.sub.D2 -positive tumors through the scFv. After the excess or nonbinding scFv-strep is washed off (or cleared from the body), a radiolabeled-biotin ligand is allowed to bind to the streptavidin moiety. Different radiolabels can be coupled to biotin using SHNH (.sup.99m Tc) or DTPA (.sup.111 In or yttrium).

Detailed Description Text (14):

The scFv and scFv-streptavidin of the invention are also useful in a number of therapeutic applications, which is turn form aspects of the present invention. In general, these approaches involve administration of scFV coupled to a therapeutic or pre-therapeutic moiety. For example, as shown in FIG. 1, ScFv-streptavidin (streptavidin being the pre-therapeutic moiety) is introduced into an organism suspected of harboring G.sub.D2 expressing cells, where it binds to any such cells

present. A therapeutic agent (X) bound to biotin is then introduced. Binding of the biotin the streptavidin results in localization of the chemotherapeutic agent X at the site of the G.sub.D2 producing cells. Other pre-therapeutic moieties include pro-drug converting enzymes. Directly therapeutic moieties such as toxins can also be used.

Detailed Description Text (16):

The scFv or scFv-streptavidin can be incorporated in a fusion protein with therapeutic agents such as toxins or pro-drug converting enzymes, can be incorporated in a fusion protein with CD8 to facilitate the formation of G.sub.D2 -targeted lymphocytes, or can be coupled to viral coat proteins superantigen (SEA) to facilitate targeting of G.sub.D2 producing cells.

Detailed Description Text (17):

Direct conjugation of scFv or scFv-streptavidin to toxin replaces the cell-binding domain of natural toxins with the scFv, which serves as a tumor binding domain specific to G.sub.D2 expressing cells. ScFv-ricin-A-chain and scFv-pseudomonas toxin have been successfully constructed for other scFv. This coupling is advantageously performed at the DNA level, not at the protein level. For example, when the fusion protein of the heavy chain, the light chain and the linker is created by overlap PCR extension, a DNA coding for the toxin can also included, and then expressed along with the scFv.

Detailed Description Text (18):

scFv and scFv-streptavidin can also be usefully combined in a fusion protein with CD8. scFv-CD8 constructs can be transfected through retroviral vector into human and mouse lymphocytes. Since these scFv are permanently integrated into the cellular genome, these lymphocytes express scFv on their cell surface and through the CD8 cytoplasmic domain become activated upon antigen binding. scFv facilitates the homing of these cells to tumor sites, thus being effective in promoting both the localization and killing of tumors. With a suicide gene, thymidine kinase, also transfected, these cells can now be turned on and off as needed.

Detailed Description Text (19):

scFv-enzyme and scFv-enzyme-streptavidin conjugates can be used to provide targeted drug therapy using a technique known as ADEPT (antibody directed enzyme prodrug-therapy). Suitable enzymes for this technique include carboxypeptidase G2, alkaline phosphatase, and .beta.-Lactamase. A prodrug derivative (e.g. cephalosporin derivative of doxo20) becomes activated to the active agent by the enzyme (beta-lactamase) targeted to the tumor by the scFv. Thus tumor cells are exposed to a high local concentration (up to 10-fold higher than blood/tissue levels) of specific chemotherapeutic agents.

Detailed Description Text (20):

Integration of scFv (with or without streptavidin) into viral coat proteins can be used to retarget these viruses in vivo. These viruses include adenovirus, retrovirus and herpes virus.

Detailed Description Text (21):

Superantigen (SEA) can stimulate T cells without the requirement of MHC.21 ScFv-SEA and scFv-streptavidin-SEA can target T cells to lyse antigen-positive MHC-class II-negative human tumor cells. SEA has been cloned (Betley et al: J. Bacteriology 170: 34-41, 1988) and the cDNA is available for making fusion proteins.

Detailed Description Text (28):

For construction of the 5Fp0StMCH vector which contains the 5F11-scFv-streptavidin plasmid DNA, plasmid DNA from the 5F11-scFv in pCantab 5E vector (Pharmacia Biotech) was purified and amplified by PCR using two specially designed primers S6 and 318s. S6 contains a NotI restriction site and 318s contains a PvuII restriction site so that amplified DNA can be restriction digested and inserted in the pSTE vector (Dr. Dubel, German Cancer Center). The resulting vector 5Fp0StMCH is the 5F11-scFv-streptavidin construct. The streptavidin was digested with BamHI, leaving the scFv 5Fp0MCH.

Detailed Description Text (34):

In constructing 3G6-scFv, the orientation VH-VL did not produce a functional scFv. Therefore the orientation VL-VH was used. cDNA of VH and VL of 3G6 hybridoma were

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7. The recombinant polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein the additional protein is streptavidin.

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The preferred recombinant antibody of the invention is a single-chain antibody wherein the heavy chain variable domain and the light chain variable domain are linked by way of a spacer group, preferably a peptide. Most preferred is a single-chain antibody wherein the heavy chain variable domain is located at the N-terminus of the recombinant antibody. The single-chain recombinant antibody may further comprise an effector molecule and/or signal sequences facilitating the processing of the antibody by the host cell in which it is prepared. Effector molecules considered are those useful for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, for example enzymes causing a detectable reaction, e.g. phosphatase, such as alkaline phosphatase from *E. coli* or mammalian alkaline phosphatase, e.g. bovine alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase, .beta.-D-galactosidase, glucose oxidase, glucoamylase, carbonic anhydrase, acetylcholinesterase, lysozyme, malate dehydrogenase or glucose-6-phosphate, a peptide having particular binding properties, e.g. streptavidin from *Streptomyces avidinii* strongly binding to biotin, or enzymes, toxins or other drugs attacking the cells to which the antibody is bound, e.g. a protease, a cytolysin or an exotoxin, for example ricin A, diphtheria toxin A, or *Pseudomonas* exotoxin. In the following a single-chain recombinant antibody further comprising an effector molecule is referred to as fusion protein or intended to be within the meaning of the terms "single chain (recombinant) antibody" or "recombinant antibody", if appropriate.

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7.1 Isolation of Fv(FRP5)-phoA from the periplasmic proteins of CC118/pWW616: The bacterial pellet is suspended in 10 ml TES buffer (0.2 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.5 M sucrose) and kept on ice for 10 min. After centrifugation at 4.degree. C. for 10 min at 5000 rpm in a Heraeus minifuge, the supernatant is discarded and the washed pellet is suspended in 15 ml ice-cold TES, diluted (1:4) with water. The cells are kept on ice for 30 min and recentrifuged as above. The supernatant containing periplasmic proteins is recentrifuged at 45,000.times.g for 15 min in a Beckman TL100 ultracentrifuge. The periplasmic extract is concentrated in an Amersham ultrafiltration unit through a YM10 membrane to a final volume of 2 ml. Following fivefold dilutions with PBS and reconcentration through the YM10 membrane five times, the 1:4 diluted TES buffer of the periplasmic extract is exchanged with PBS. NaN.sub.3 and protease inhibitors are added to the periplasmic proteins (2 ml in PBS) to the final concentration of 0.02% NaN.sub.3, 0.1 mM PMSF, 2 .mu.g/ml aprotinin, 1 .mu.g/ml leupeptin, and 1 .mu.g/ml pepstatin. The periplasmic extract is stored at 4.degree. C.

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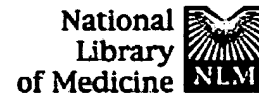
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The cDNA for streptavidin (residues 15-159) was subcloned into an expression vector in fusion at the N-terminus with the T7-tag (12 residues). Conditions were found to express the protein in Escherichia coli in a soluble, assembled, and active form. The protein was purified in two simple steps which involved heating at 75 degreesC and affinity chromatography on iminobiotin agarose. The purified protein was obtained in yields of 70 mg per liter of bacterial culture. Electron spray mass spectrometry analysis showed that the recombinant streptavidin had the expected molecular mass without covalent modifications. ELISA and surface plasmon resonance analyses showed it to be functionally analogous to the natural streptavidin. This appears to be an improvement over the reported methods of recombinant streptavidin production which involve protein renaturation or the use of eukaryotic expression systems. Copyright 1998 Academic Press.

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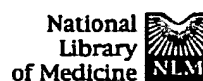
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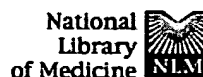
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When a cDNA coding for the kappa light chain (L-321) from the mouse MOPC321 myeloma was cloned into *Escherichia coli*, L-321 antigens were found in both cytoplasmic and periplasmic fractions. In cells synthesizing the intact chain, starting with its signal peptide, the periplasm contained a mature-size immunoglobulin indicating that the eukaryotic signal peptide can initiate secretion and be processed. When the entire cDNA for L-321 (including its signal peptide) was inserted in the gene for bacterial beta-lactamase, processing cleaved only the first bacterial signal sequence of the hybrid protein synthesized. Removal of the beta-lactamase signal peptide was also observed with another beta-lactamase-L-321 hybrid which did not include the immunoglobulin signal peptide and the adjacent part of the variable region. The two hybrid proteins may, however, differ in their mode of secretion.

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Heterologous proteins synthesized in the Gram-negative bacterium Escherichia coli in bioreactor culture may accumulate in one of three 'compartments': the cytoplasm, the periplasm, or the extracellular medium. Many overexpressed proteins from various origins have been purified from each of these locations. However, to date, each system has required specific tailoring to meet the stringent requirements for each protein product to ensure correct folding, activity and appropriate yield. The E. coli haemolysin secretion system appears to provide a flexible mechanism with which to secrete a wide variety of heterologous fusion proteins into the extracellular medium.

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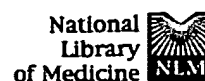
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The "Strep tag" is a nine amino acid peptide with intrinsic streptavidin-binding activity. If this sequence is genetically fused to the C-terminus of a polypeptide the recombinant protein can be directly purified by affinity chromatography from the host cell extract on immobilized streptavidin. However, variations were observed in the suitability of different commercial streptavidin-agarose preparations for this purpose. Therefore, the influence of the source of streptavidin, the coupling chemistry, and the nature of the affinity chromatography resin was investigated. A procedure was developed for the production of recombinant core streptavidin in *Escherichia coli*, followed by its efficient refolding and purification with an overall yield of up to 140 mg functional protein per 11 bacterial culture. When coupled to activated CH-Sepharose 4B this truncated form of streptavidin showed a performance in the affinity chromatography of Strep tag fusion proteins that was superior to all other combinations tested. In contrast to its conventional preparation from *Streptomyces* strains the recombinant core streptavidin was produced without a proteolytic processing step. Thus, deleterious effects during the streptavidin affinity purification of proteins due to residual proteolytic activity in the immobilized streptavidin were avoided. The versatility of the optimized purification system was demonstrated with five different Strep tag fusion proteins.

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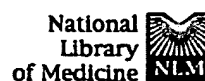
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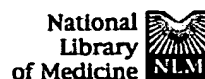
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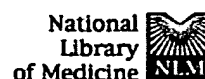
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We describe the site-specific enzymatic biotinylation of recombinant anti-estradiol Fab fragments through a 13 amino acid acceptor peptide translationally fused to the C-terminus of the Fd chain. The Fab-peptide fusion proteins were secreted to the periplasm of Escherichia coli, purified, and biotinylated in vitro using biotin ligase, biotin, and ATP. The E. coli biotin ligase (the BirA protein) was produced as a novel N-terminal fusion protein with glutathione S-transferase (GST) and purified in one step from bacterial cell lysate using a Glutathione Sepharose affinity column. The purified fusion protein worked as such (without cleavage of the GST part) for the in vitro biotinylation of the Fab fragments. After the removal of nonbiotinylated Fab fragments by monomeric avidin chromatography, the overall yield of biotinylated Fab was 40%. The site-specifically biotinylated Fab fragments (BioFab) were tested in streptavidin-coated microtitration wells, to which they were shown to bind linearly with respect to the amount of BioFab added, specifically as indicated by biotin inhibition, and tightly with a half-life of several days. Moreover, the enzymatic BioFab exhibited uniform antigen binding affinity unlike the same recombinant Fab fragments biotinylated through random chemical conjugation to surface lysines. Finally, the BioFab demonstrated its potential as a well-behaving immunoassay reagent in a model competitive assay for estradiol.

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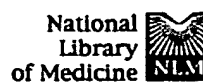
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Radiolabeled streptavidin accumulated in tumors pretargeted with biotinylated antibody. However, the absolute delivery of radioactivity was limited. To increase the tumor uptake of radioactivity further, we conjugated streptavidin with a mouse monoclonal antibody (MAb) fragment, OST6Fab, which recognizes antigen on human osteosarcoma. Another mouse MAb, OST7, which also reacts with the same tumor but recognizes an epitope different from the OST6 epitope, was biotinylated. The radioiodinated streptavidin-OST6Fab conjugate was administered to tumor-bearing mice after the biotinylated OST7 pretargeting. The uptake of the conjugate in tumors pretargeted with the biotinylated antibody was significantly higher than that of streptavidin and that of the conjugate of streptavidin and irrelevant Fab fragment. Renal uptake of radioactivity was decreased markedly, and the blood clearance was retarded by the conjugation with Fab fragment. In conclusion, the conjugate of streptavidin with specific Fab fragment increased the accumulation of radioactivity in tumors pretargeted with biotinylated antibody.

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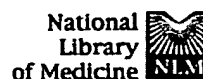
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A bifunctional molecule was genetically engineered which contained the secretory signal and four Fc-binding domains of Staphylococcus aureus protein A (FcA), fused to a single-chain Fv (scFv) derived from an immunoglobulin (Ig) G1 mouse monoclonal antibody (AS32) directed against the plant regulatory photoreceptor protein, phytochrome. The FcA::AS32scFv sequence was encoded in a single synthetic gene and expressed as a 60-kDa periplasmic protein in Escherichia coli. The bifunctionality of the fusion protein was established by its ability to bind to both IgG-agarose and phytochrome-sepharose. Growth of cultures, producing the FcA::AS32scFv, at 37 degrees C, resulted in a decrease in the periplasmic accumulation of the fusion protein, and an increased accumulation of an assumed degradation product which retained Fc-binding activity. Growth of cultures at lower temperatures favoured the accumulation of undegraded fusion protein. The recombinant fusion protein could be purified to homogeneity by a simple, rapid chromatography procedure.

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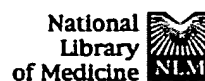
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A genetic fusion between streptavidin of *Streptomyces avidinii* and luciferase of *Pyrophorus plagiophthalmus* was constructed. The fusion protein was produced in the Sf9 insect cell line using the baculovirus expression vector system (BEVS). Sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of the proteins from cells infected with the recombinant virus, VL1393-LucGR-StreptAv, revealed that the fusion protein migrated with an apparent molecular weight of 75 kDa. Light emission measurements showed that the infected cells produced about 255 mg of the chimeric protein per liter of cell culture (127.5 micrograms/1 x 10⁶ cells). Precipitation of the LucGR-StreptAv fusion protein with biotinylated acrylic beads as well as immunoblot analyses using biotinylated immunoglobulins indicated that both fusion moieties of the chimeric protein product were functional with respect to their physical and enzymatic activities.

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In an attempt to produce broadly useful targeting agents, genetic engineering and expression techniques have been used to produce Ab-avidin fusion proteins. Chicken avidin has been fused to mouse-human chimeric IgG3 at the end of C(H)1 (C(H)1-Av), immediately after the hinge (H-Av), and at the end of C(H)3 (C(H)3-Av). Fusion heavy chains of the expected molecular mass were expressed, assembled with a co-expressed light chain, and secreted. The resulting molecules continued to bind Ag. They also bound biotinylated human serum albumin; C(H)3-Av had reduced affinity ($K(A) = 5.13 \times 10(9) M(-1)$) compared with the tetrameric avidin ($K(A) = 1 \times 10(15) M(-1)$), but greater affinity than monomeric avidin ($K(A) = 1 \times 10(7) M(-1)$). Importantly, the avidin-IgG fusion proteins had a longer serum $t_{1/2}$ in rats than avidin. The favorable pharmacokinetic parameters suggest that these avidin fusion proteins can be used effectively to deliver biotinylated ligands such as drugs and peptides to locales expressing any Ag recognized by the associated Ab.

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